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SUBJECT: INDIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT PRIME MINISTER DESAI
IS WRITING PRIVATELY TO THE LEADERS OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UK/US INITIATIVE. FONSEC REPORTED
PM TO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE DEPTH OF THE PRESIDENT'S
CONCERN AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE RHODESIA SITUATION.

2. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE YESTERDAY CONTAINED A POWERFUL STATEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE UK'S RHODESIAN INITIATIVE, AND ITS US SUPPORT, AS THE
LAST HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. PRESUMABLY HE HAD ALSO
PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE TOPIC WITH DESAI. THIS PART OF
CALLAGHAN'S SPEECH, HOWEVER, DREW LITTLE DISCERNABLE
REACTION FROM THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND OTHER INDIANS
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